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## BWC AWARDS \$2.1 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR WORKFORCE SAFETY INNOVATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI



Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced that the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) awarded two grants totaling \$2,134,852 to the University of Cincinnati (UC).

The first grant is for the integration of Carbon Nanotube Hybrid Active Textile (AT) Systems in PPE for the Ohio Fire Service. Embedded electronics and forced convection cooling using air and CO<sub>2</sub> gas will be incorporated into the coat liner as a potential intervention to reduce injuries to firefighters in Ohio. The second grant is for a device to inform workers about potential toxic particles in the environment of their workspaces and the effectiveness of the PPE being used.

## Drug-Free Safety Program



The Drug-Free Safety Program addresses workplace use and misuse of alcohol and other drugs. It's designed to help integrate drug-free efforts into employers overall workplace safety program.

Click the image to learn more.

## Group-Experience-Rating Program

The Group-Experience-Rating Program allows employers with better-than-average claim histories to join together through a sponsoring organization. We then rate the group as one employer. By participating in the program, employers may enjoy much lower premium rates than they could attain on their own.

Click the image to learn more.



## We want to hear from you!

Are there BWC services or programs you would like to learn more about? Do you have questions about forms or procedures? We want to hear from you about what you would like to see more of in our eNews. Send your comments to [feedback@bwc.state.oh.us](mailto:feedback@bwc.state.oh.us).

### News Briefs

#### Ohio Safety Congress & Expo®

Save the date, the 2023 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo® will be back, live and in person at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, March 8-10, 2023.

#### October edition of Safety Update

Check out [the latest news](#) from safety and health experts from BWC, NIOSH, and OSHA.

### Important dates

**Oct. 19:** Better You, Better Ohio! wellness webinar. [More info online.](#)

**Oct. 20:** 2022 Northeast Ohio Safety Expo. [More info online.](#)

**Oct. 25-26:** In-person Training - OSHA 10: Industry Safety Basics. [More info online.](#)

**Oct. 25:** In-person Training - First Aid in the Workplace. [More info online.](#)

**Oct. 27:** Employer update webinar. [More info online.](#)

**Oct. 28:** Board of Directors meeting

**Oct. 31- Nov. 1:** Virtual Training - Ergonomics Basic Principles. [More info online.](#)

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